

**MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
DIRECTOR, DIVISION 6**

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OCCUPATION: Tustin City Councilmember

As Director of the Orange County Water Taskforce and Tustin's Water Agency, I am concerned about our increasing shortage of water and reliance on outside sources of water. Currently, South Orange County imports 100% of its water. Even more startling, all this water comes from one pipe! What happens if a break occurs or worse, sabotage? What is being done to safeguard our water supply and look for alternate sources of water?

As Director of MWDOC, we will build desalination plants to serve Orange County, make sure our reservoirs are full, and work with federal and state agencies to ensure we have adequate security for our pipeline. As Councilman and Mayor, I have already overseen construction of a desalination plant and rebuilt 4 reservoirs.

When Orange County went bankrupt, Treasurer John Moorlach asked me to Chair the Treasury Oversight Committee because he knew I would get the job done. I disagree with those who say our water problems are too complicated or will take years to solve. I say that you deserve real leadership in MWDOC that will serve your interests.

I have been endorsed by presidents of the County's largest water agencies as well as congressional, state, county and local leaders.